

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth D. Bertsch's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Bertsch has devoted more than 30 years of his life to the service of this state and country as an Engineer Officer and Judge Advocate; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Bertsch continues to give of himself; and,

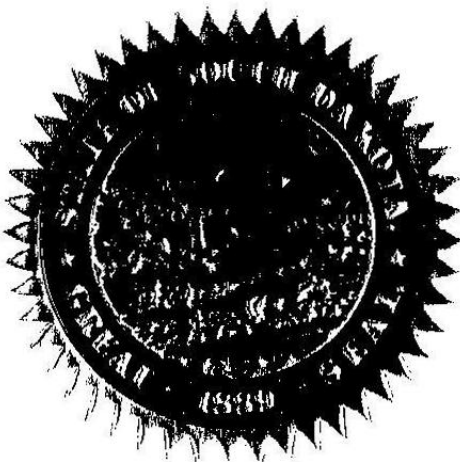
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth D. Bertsch for more than 30 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2009, as

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENNETH D. BERTSCH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State